

## **Special Called Meeting**

May 12, 2022

The Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC held a Budget Workshop at 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2022. Present were:

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor Joyce M. Artis, Mayor Pro-tem Beatrice Jones, Alderwoman Keith L. Spivey, Alderman Terry Futrelle, Alderwoman Leroy Ruffin, Alderman Annie Lewis, Alderwoman

Also in attendance were Town Administrator Tony Howell, Finance Officer Cathy Nichols, and Town Accountant James Overton.

Those not in attendance were Town Clerk Shannon Daly.

Mr. Overton stated that this meeting is to go over the preliminary first draft of the budget and it is not final. He said that we are here tonight to get suggestions and changes that the Board wants to make. He said the final budget will be due in June, but we do have to submit something to the Local Government Commission (LGC) by Monday, May 16th.

Mayor Flowers asked Mr. Overton if this preliminary budget required a vote from the Board and Mr. Overton said no, because this is just a draft. Mayor Flowers asked that since they are meeting as a committee, then they do not need a quorum and Mr. Overton said no, this is just a budget meeting.

Mr. Overton went over the preliminary budget. Mr. Howell asked if the Board wanted to increase the rates, could it become effective January and Mr. Overton said yes it could, but he recommended that it be put in the budget ordinance. There was much discussion about the budget, and the rates. It was determined that once Mr. Overton got the budget balanced, he would email a copy to each Board member and that he would have it done by the deadline of Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

W. Darron Flowers, Mayor	Shannon L. Daly, Town Clerk